

GRAUSTARK

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1971BG

"Fall 1911"

THE CRUEL SEA

ENGLAND (Lipson): A Gas-Par; A Wal-Bel; F Eng C A Wal-Bel; F Nth-Hol; F Lon-Nth; F Spa(s.c.)-Mar; F Mid-Gas; F NAF-Mid.

GERMANY (Schleicher): F Den holds; A Mun-Tyr; A Ruh-Mun; A Boh S RUSSIAN A Vie; A Mar-Pie; A Bur-Mar.

ITALY (Burley): A Tyr-Vie; A Tri-Bud; A Ven-Pie; A Rum S TURKISH A Arm-Sev; F Tun-NAf; F Wes S F Tun-NAf.

RUSSIA (A. Phillips): A Bud-Rum; A Ukr & A Gal S A Bud-Rum; A Sev S A Bud-Rum; A Mos S A Sev; A Via S GERMAN A Mun-Tyr; F Nwy holds.

TURKEY (Nierenberg): A Arm-Sev; A Bul & F Bla S ITALIAN A Rum; A Ser S ITALIAN A Tri-Bud; F Alb-Ion; F Lyc S ENGLISH F Spa(s.c.)-Mar.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats A Tyr-Tri; the German A Mar and the Russian A Bud are annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (10)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Kie, Mun. (4)

ITALY: Bud, Nap, Rom, Rum, Tri, Tun, Ven. (7)

RUSSIA: Mos, Nwy, St.P, Sev, Swe, War, Vie. (7)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Ser, Smy. (6)

England may build 2 new units while Italy and Russia may each build 1 and Germany must remove 1. These adjustments must be submitted within 24 hours. The deadline for "Spring 1912" moves is 6 PM, TUESDAY 15 JANUARY 1974.

1973BB PRESS RELEASE: PRAG: I have not yet begun to fight.

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"Fall 1906"

DUBIOUS DOINGS ON THE DANUBE

ENGLAND (Eisen): A Cly holds; F Bel-Nth; F Edi S F Bel-Nth.

FRANCE (Strauss): F NAT-Nrg; F Hel-Kie; F Hol S ENGLISH F Bel-Nth; A Ruh & A Bar S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Boh-Mun; A Tyr S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Boh-Mun; F Lyc-Tyr.

GERMANY (Sidor): A Mun S RUSSIAN A Kie; F Den S RUSSIAN A Kie.

ITALY (Heuer): A Ven-Apu; A Nap S A Ven-Apu; F Rom S FRENCH F Lyc-Tyr; F Tun-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Neiger): A Boh-Mun.

RUSSIA (Honig): F Bar S F Nrg; F Nwy-Ske; F Bol S A Kie; A Ber & A Sil S GERMAN A Mun; F Aeg S TURKISH F Eas-Ion; A Vie-Tyr; A Gal-Boh; F Nrg & A Kie not ordered, hold.

TURKEY (Paulson): F Ion-Gre; A Apu-Ven; F Adr & F Tri S A Apu-Ven; A Ser-Rum; F Eas holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy must retreat A Ven-Pie or -Tus or remove the unit; this removal should be phoned in forthwith. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv. (3)

FRANCE: Bre, Hol, Lon, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (7)

GERMANY: Den, Mun. (2)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun. (3)

RUSSIA: Ber, Bud, Con, Kie, Mos, Nwy, St.P, Sev, Swe, Vie, War. (11)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Gre, Rum, Smy, Ser, Tri, Ven. (8)

Turkey may build 2 new units, and Russia may build 1. Italy must remove 1 unit if the dislodged A Ven is not removed. The last Austro-Hungarian

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"Spring 1936"

INTERNATIONAL RHEINWEIN FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

USA (Arensmeier): Rhi 4.

FRANCE (Katzoff): Als 5, Pol 1.

BRITAIN (Drakert): Cze 2, Pol 3, Rhi 5,
Rum 2.

RUSSIA (Heuer): Rum 5, Rus 3.

GERMANY (Neiger): Rhi 9, Rum 7.

This is the game formerly called "73.??b";

Herb Barents is now assigning Arena num-

bers for postal Origins games. Press re-

leases begin on p. 8. The deadline for

"Fall 1936" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 29 DE-

CEMBER 1973. Remember that, for sharing

controls, all parties to the agreement must

specifically inform the Gamesmaster that they concur.

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als		5			
Aus					C
Bal					
Bri					C
Cze				2	
Fra					
Ger				C	
Ita					
Pol		5	3		
Rhi	6	5	5		16
Rum			2	5	7
Rus				3	
USA					

For Arensmeyer's
address see 1973BQ.

73.21h

"Spring 1936"

MORGEN DIE WELT - ABER NICHT HEUTE

USA Fra Bri Rus Ger

USA (E. Jones): Cze 2, Pol 2.

FRANCE (Hendry): Als 6.

BRITAIN (Trtek): Bal 2, Cze 6, Rus 2.

RUSSIA (R. Smith): Bal 4, Rum 4.

GERMANY (Kelly): No moves received. Ger 16.

This is the game we've been calling

"73.??h"; it now has an Arena number. The

deadline for "Fall 1936" moves is NOON, SA-

TURDAY 29 DECEMBER 1973. There are a cou-

ple of changes of address: From 19 December

John Hendry will be at 17 Price Rd., Pea-

body, Mass. 01960, and during 14-31 Decem-

ber Dick Trtek will be at 215 S. E. 24th

Ave., Hillsboro, Ore. 97123.

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als	6				
Aus					C
Bal			5	4	
Bri					
Cze	2	2	U,11		
Fra					
Ger					
Ita					21
Pol	4	2			
Rhi					
Rum					
Rus					
USA					

73.6x

"Fall 1940"

COSA FATTA CAPO HA!

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als					
Aus					C C
Bal		10	7		
Bri	U,5		18		U,10
Cze	5	15	2		
Fra	U,5			U,5	U,8
Ger				U,5	
Ita	5		3		U,8
Pol	15	15			
Rhi					
Rum					
Rus					
USA					

ITALY: France (14) attacks Germany (8) at 1:1. IBM - 468 (A). France removes 14.

BRITAIN: Britain (18) attacks Russia (5) at 3:1. United Airlines - 142 (D). Russia removes 5.

USA: Bri U, Fra U, Rus U.

RUSSIA: Fra U, Ger U, USA U.

GERMANY: Ita U, Rus U, USA U.

The final score is France (Drakert) 24, Ger-Pol many (Kelly) 24, Britain (Trtek) 19, Russia Rhi (Hendry) 18, USA (Carleton) 14. A review of this fiasco will appear in the next issue, if anyone cares.

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ian unit is removed. The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 29 DECEMBER 1973. Some press releases appear on p. 10.

ISTANBUL: Somewhere in Switzerland, the Emperor of Austria-Hungary is laughing his head off.

1973BQ

"Fall 1904"

HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE ROAMS ALL OVER

ENGLAND (Arensmeier): A Wal-Lon; F Edi holds; F Bar-Nrg.

FRANCE (Weill): No moves received. A Bur, A Yor, F Liverpool, F Eng, F Lyo & F Wes hold.

GERMANY (Burce): F Nth-Eng; F Den-Nth; A Ruh-Bel; A Pie S A Ruh-Bel; A Mun-Bur; A Ber-Mun; F Swe S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A St.P-Nwy.

ITALY (Sidor): F Rom-Tyr; F Nap-Ion; A Tun holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McCuistion): F Adr S TURKISH A Alb-Apu; A Tyr holds; A Ven-Rom; A Pie S FRENCH F Lyo-Mar; A St.P-Nwy; A Liv-St.P; A Bul-Con; A War-Mos.

RUSSIA (Greenlee): A Nwy-St.P.

TURKEY (De Prisco): No moves received. A Sev, A Alb, F Tyr, F Ion, F Aeg & F Eas hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Nwy-Fin. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Lon. (2)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun. (3).

FRANCE: Bre, Liv, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (6)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Con, Mos, Nwy, Rum, St.P; Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (11)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Swe. (7)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Gre, Sev, Smy. (5)

Austria-Hungary builds 3 new units, and England, Russia, and Turkey each remove 1. Russia is now out of the game with the removal of A Fin. The deadline for these "Winter 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 29 DECEMBER 1973. Edward Kollmer should submit a stand-by removal for Turkey; see p. 11 for his address and for general information on stand-bys. As of 19 December, John Arensmeyer's address is 41-1025 Nenne St., Waimanae, Hawaii 96795.

1972A

"Spring 1915"

SOUTHERN FRONT QUIET

ENGLAND (Lipson): F Mid-Por.

FRANCE (Reif): F Por S ENGLISH F Mid.

GERMANY (Ansoff, vice Huddleston): A Ukr, A Vie, & A Pie hold; A Gal S A Ukr; A War-Lif; A Sil-War; A Boh S A Gal; A Tyr S A Vie; F Kie-Den; A Mun-Sil; F Liv-Iri; F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; F Bre & F Eng S F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; A Gas-Spa; A Mar S A Gas-Spa; A Bur-Gas.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Honig): A Mos-Sev.

RUSSIA (De Prisco): No moves received. A Sev, A Rum & A Arm hold.

TURKEY (Murray): F Tyr-Lyo; F Ion-Tyr; F Ven, A Tri, & A Bud hold; A Tus S F Ven; F Adr S A Tri; A Ser S A Bud; F Blq S RUSSIAN A Rum; F Wes S Tyr-Lyo; F Naf S ENGLISH F Mid.

Underlined moves are not possible. England retreats F Mid-NAt. The deadline for "Fall 1915" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 29 DECEMBER 1973. Joseph Pickard should send in stand-by moves for Russia; see p. 11 for details.

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"Fall 1904"

AUSTRIANS HOLD MUNICH

Following "Spring 1904" moves, Germany retreated A Mun-Ber and Russia retreated A Gal-Ukr. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Martin Ritter): F Nwy S F Nth; F NAT-Mid; F Iri S F NAT-Mid; F Nth S A Bel-Hol; A Bel-Hol.

FRANCE (Lanham): F Eng-Lon; F Mid-Iri; A Bur-Bel; A Pic S A Bur-Bel; A Par-Bur.

GERMANY (G. Tesser): A Hol-Kie; A Ruh-Mun; A Ber S A Ruh-Mun; A Sil S A Ruh-Mun; F Den-Swe.

ITALY (Murray): A Smy-Ank; F Con S A Smy-Ank; F Aeg-Ion; A Tyr S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mun; F Tyr-Wes; F Ion-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Lariton): A Mun, A Rum & F Gre hold; A Boh S A Mun; A Gal-Sil; A Bul S A Rum; A Bud-Gal.

RUSSIA (Trtek): A St.P-Nwy; F Swe S A St.P-Nwy; F Sev holds; A Ukr-Mos; A War S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Gal-Sil.

TURKEY (Pickard): A Ank-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Sil-Pru and Turkey retreats A Ank-Arm. The French F Mid can retreat to Eng, Bre, Gas, Spa(n.c.), Spa(s.c.), Por, or Naf, or be removed. This retreat should be sent in at once, and other players will be informed. The High Contractant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Hol, Lon, Nwy. (4) ITALY: Ank, Con, Nap, Rom, Smy, Tun,

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Lon, Mar, Par, Ven. (7) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Mun,

Por, Spa. (7)

RUM, SER, TRI, VIE. (8)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Kie. (3)

RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (5)

France has 2 builds, and Austria-Hungary and Italy each have 1. England has 1 removal, and Germany has 2. The last Turkish unit is removed, and Turkey is now out of the game. The deadline for "Winter 1904" moves, which may be made conditional on the direction of the French retreat, is NOON, SATURDAY 29 DECEMBER 1973. For Dick Trtek's temporary change of address see the report of Origins game 73.21h.

1973BC

"Winter 1904"

Following "Fall 1904" moves, Italy retreated A Ven-Rom. Austria-Hungary had only one open supply center at home, and so could make only one of the two builds to which he was entitled.

FRANCE (Model): Builds F Mar. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Lipton): Builds A Bud.

ITALY (Paul): Removes A Tyr. RUSSIA (Drakert): Removes F Bal.

Bob Lipton will be at his home address over the holidays (556 Green Pl., Woodmere, N. Y. 11598). The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 29 DECEMBER 1973.

The Gamesmaster takes this opportunity to wish all the readers of GRAUSTARK a happy holiday season.

In answer to inquiries, I want to assure readers that I am indeed sincere about my change of beliefs on war and the President as expressed in #300. Please see the article on p. 9 for further reasons on why I believe the current vogue of opposition to President Nixon to be unwise, imprudent, and dangerous.

RESTORE THE ROMAN EMPIRE AT HOME IN YOUR SPARE TIME!

John Van De Graaf has begun an experiment in Yggdrasil Chronicle. I am going to imitate in GRAUSTARK. He is running a tournament on SPI's new game Fall of Rome (reviewed in GRAUSTARK #296). He is using Scenario II, the "Philip Scenario", which begins in 247 AD. I have found this scenario too easy a win, and am going to use Scenario VI, the "Belsarius Scenario", which begins in 530 AD.

Each player will control his own Roman forces. The players will, as in Van De Graaf's games, be faced with identical non-Roman effects, except as modified by their own actions. Thus, for example, each might be faced with 25 barbarian strength points in Germania D, bound for the province of Asia. Whether they fight them, ignore them, or bribe them depends on the actions of each individual player. The winner will be the player who has achieved the best results for the Romans after the 20 moves through which this scenario runs. The player with the most victory points for controlled provinces wins; in case of a tie their remaining treasures less the cost of replacing all destroyed legions will be compared to determine the winner.

The entry fee is \$4, which will be refunded to the winner. The winner will also get a free 12-issue subscription to GRAUSTARK. With his game fee, each player should send in the initial locations of the 12 legions with which the Roman Empire begins this scenario. The deadline for entries is NOON, SATURDAY 12 JANUARY 1974. In GRAUSTARK #304, a week later, I will publish the initial positions and any Internal Revolts, Barbarian movements, combats, and creations that occur in the first turn before the Romans initiate movement and combat. Players will then have the usual 3-week GRAUSTARK deadline for submitting these orders. I will adjudicate all combats by dice, and inform players of legionary revolts, treasury balances, barbarian attritions, etc. Players should send in new recruitments and barbarian bribes, if any, after receiving this information from me by private communication. All these moves will be published, together with new Internal Revolts and Barbarian outbreaks, in the next issue. Hopefully we will be able to move at the rate of one game year per issue.

Fall of Rome is available for \$7 from Simulations Publications Inc., 9th floor, 44 E. 23rd St., New York, N.Y. 10010. Included with this unique solitaire war game is a copy of Strategy & Tactics #39, which has an article on the period covered by the game. An errata sheet, clearing up the points I mentioned in GRAUSTARK #296, is now available from SPI. Entrants in this tournament should let me know if they don't have the errata, and I'll see that they get the information.

Press releases may be submitted, and Scenario VI should produce some good ones. For starters there were those two extremely different women Empress Theodora and Queen Amalasontha. If you wish, you can even give the King of the Ostrogoths in Italy a mysterious advisor named Martin Padway. (Extremely in-groupish joke.)

To see how Van De Graaf's games proceed, subscribe to Yggdrasil Chronicle. It's 12 issues for \$2 from Paul J. Wood, 24613 Harmon Court, St. Clair Shores, Mich. 48043.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE GERMAN ELEPHANT JOKES?

A few weeks ago Al Nofi of SPI showed me a very interesting volume by Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld entitled Sexual History of the World War. It dealt with such popular wartime topics as rape, homosexuality, the sexual psychology of the front-line soldier, "bouds in unpleasant locations, and the surprising number of women who managed to disguise them-

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THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

This issue of GRUSTARK is the first that has been mailed out to all players by first-class mail since #294 on 25 August. Third-class mail being what it is, some of you will have received the two bundles (#295-298 and #299-301) quite late, if at all. If anyone is missing any of these issues, he should write me and let me know which ones. I will re-ship them by first-class mail.

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Lately we've had an epidemic of astrologers and spaewives who claim that they have predicted such momentous events as assassinations, wars, scandals, and resignations in advance. Unfortunately, their predictions only seem to get into print after these events, and when analyzed turn out to have been made not in public but to a small group of friends who will understand.

One group of spaewives has boldly faced this problem, and issued its predictions in public and in advance. According to the Los Angeles Weekly News of 2 November 1973, the "New York Center for the Strange" has collected the prophecies of 260 "witches". Survey director Robert Carson announced the following "findings":

1. There will be another huge governmental scandal unrelated to Watergate.
2. Gerald Ford will resign within 3 months of becoming Vice-President.
3. The governor of a large eastern state will announce his divorce so he can marry a well-known actress who has appeared in several pornographic movies.
4. A woman will be named as president of a leading labor union, and another will be signed by a major baseball team on the west coast.
5. The Dow-Jones average will hit an all-time high of 1100, and then fall back to 800 within the next 6 months.

The witches claim to have predicted Vice-President Agnew's resignation a year in advance - but Carson isn't saying where this one can be found in print.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

DICK TRTEK:(12 November): In 73.3a, I did not 'play the joker'. Mike Pitter wrote me letter after letter in the game to urge me to help stop Germany. After all those earnest pleas, I can't bring myself to shoot the works against him. In retrospect, if I had this game to play over again, I'd use all my PPs to screw up one country, which I'd choose by lot. I wouldn't have any points in the end, but I'd have a lot of interesting letters to add to my collection.

This particular version is, from the US viewpoint, the most absurd. To get maximum points, the strategy is of course to lay back and then drop PPs all over the board. (Preferably in the major countries in 1939, but I missed my move that turn.) The same is true of the Aggressive French-British version, except there the US can play Spoiler by obliterating someone's U. There you just set down your PPs, period. Pretty boring; I had no time for press.

Having had the "opportunity" to play the US in all five versions but one, my conclusion is that including America in the players' roster was a blunder of the first magnitude, either from the standpoint of Origins as a game...or a portrayal of the basics of 1935-1940...Why wasn't the Vatican included?

In 73.6x, which is near closing, I am leaving Drakert to hold the fort against the US while I try to catch someone by surprise in Britain. That option seemed more fun than making an air-tight defense of the Rhineland.

GIL NEIGER (18 November 1973): I wish to make a few corrections in Mike Ritter's review of Origins game 73.3a in GRAUSTARK #301

First of all, he says that in 1935 I (Germany) wrote to him asking for an alliance. This is untrue. I never wrote to him until after I had received a letter from him asking for an alliance. His proposal was something about our countries getting "U's" with each other in the first or second year. From this proposal, and the tone of the letter I got the impression that he was relatively inexperienced at the game. I got out of him that he would be leaving the Baltic States relatively unguarded that year, so I took them.

The following year, both France and Britain went for "U's" in Germany. This is a mistake in just about any of the variants. In 1936 one side should go for the "U" while the other tries to block Germany. So that year I picked up Rhineland and Austria, unopposed.

By the next year I realized I had to do something about the "U's" in Germany. Bob Spencer and I had agreed that I was to get France's "U" out of Germany while he stockpiled at home. This was so that in 1938 we could get Rumania.

We did, because without his "U" in Germany, France could not withstand a joint Russo-German attack without English help. He did not get English help (a fact which we had counted on) because England did not get points in Rumania.

At this point I planned to stockpile PFs at home for two reasons. One, it forced both France and Britain to mass PFs in Germany and also it gave me a massive potential on the last turn.

Dick Trtek has been a good ally the whole game. Of course, he had been playing the proper strategy for the USA in this variant. He only has enough PFs in the whole game to obtain eight of the necessary ten "U's". To waste PFs against Germany and Russia in the disputed areas would spell death to him. So he did the only intelligent thing and held his power at home until the end. He deserved an even break and I gave it to him.

I'm only sorry that Bob Spencer went underground the way he did. He deserved to make a better showing than he did. Besides, I might have won.

BOB LIPTON: Enclosed is a note from Al Nofi on my comments on language shift that I made in commenting on Farmer's Gates of Time [in GRAUSTARK #293]. As can be seen, although I was wrong in my specific example (I thought the Latin aqua was a descendant of the original Indo-European), I was right in general. Even when words are related, it is rarely easy to see the relationship between various words. Does frater sound like brother? It is only when you know of the Italic b to f shift and Grimm's and Verner's laws that sense can be seen in languages. Nevertheless, these things are seldom clear. Does Swedish sound like English?

[The note from Al Nofi is a photostat of p. 18 of Outline History of the Latin Language. It cites a case where "Latin has lost an ancient Indo-European word and so broken a link even with its nearest relatives in the Italic dialects. The same is true of the word for 'water', which Latin designates by aqua, which has cognates only in Germanic (Goth. ahwa, 'river') and possibly in Celtic. Only in a different sense of 'wave' does Latin preserve in unda the ancient Indo-European word widely attested elsewhere, e. g., Umbrian utur, English water, Greek ydor, etc.]

I suppose that the influx of strategy articles recently has been in response to the influx of new players; they don't understand these things.

...The answer to the SPI group (I'm beginning to think that SPI

73.??b - PRESS RELEASES

PARIS, FRANCE (AWK): Due to certain restrictions placed on the French Press Corps by God, the press agencies will be forced to wake up less news for your benefit (ha). Therefore, AWK and HAPPENSTANCE have been forced to close their doors. Both were originally German press agencies (see 73.2b). UFPI will also probably close due to the fact that the North African tax rate for press agencies is much lower. Therefore, EEE, Africa will now carry all French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Moroccan press. At AWK's head was an old Estonian cove-dweller named Keep U. Hansoff. He reportedly is running for President of France. At HAPPENSTANCE's helm, Mort E. Fication - founder, editor, and copy-boy. He reportedly flew to Marseilles to "get shot". The young president of UFPI was O. B. Quiet. His favorite joke was "Corned Beef - Carne on the Cob". Or, as the Chinese philosopher Tzo Xan once said, "It's a long way to heaven, but it's pretty close to the sanitarium."

MOROCCAN WEST GUINEA (EEE, Africa): The French Fleet today sailed into Moroccan West Guinea in what was jokingly called by an unidentified French general "an invasion". The Moroccans gave up without a fight.

PARIS (EEE, Africa): The President (King) of France, King Alexander the 1st, 87th, and Fighting 44th, moved his headquarters to Alsace-Lorraine. "I want to be closer to the border," he said. "After all, now that the German territory will be friendly, I may as well get away from the Paris Lynch Mobs."

NEW RAKATZOFF, FRANCE (How Vain Can You Get): "Well, that's the name. What do you think?" (Frenzied activity.) "No, I couldn't make it to the bathroom in time. You got any paper towels?"

CAMPAIGN PLATFORM OF KING ALEXANDER THE 1ST OF FRANCE: "If I am elected, I will do my best to disspell the myth that France cannot win the Aggressive British-US Version. With good diplomatic ties, and less invasions of Spain, we can devote all our time to destroying Britain, Germany, Russia, the USA, ~~Afghanistan~~. It should be an easy victory for us."

CAMPAIGN PLATFORM OF KFEP U. HANSOFF, FORMER PRESIDENT OF AWK: "If I am elected, I will do my best to dissspell the myth that France can win the Aggressive British-US version. With good diplomatic relations (uncles, aunts, cousins, etc.) more invasions of Europe, and less invasions of Spain, we can devote all our time to Destroying Britain, Germany, Russia, the USA, and France. It should be one hell of a lot of fun. Thank you."

WOULD YOU BELIEVE GERMAN ELEPHANT JOKES (continued from p. 5)

selves as men, and not be found out for months or years. Among these erudite topics Dr. Hirschfeld gives a German song, which probably reappeared years later when World War II broke out:

"Es steht-ein Elefant am Titicaca See
Der steht und hebt sein Schwänzlein in die Höhe.
Laura, Laura, wenn ich bei dir steh!
So geht mir's wie dem Elefant am Titicaca See."

To which my very free translation is:

"An elephant is standing way down in Timbuctoo,
His masculine attachment is rising into view.
Laura, Laura, if I were with you,
I'd be just like the elephant way down in Timbuctoo."

After all, Timbuctoo is just as unlikely a place for an elephant as is Lake Titicaca.

Now - does anyone out there have a reasonably complete text of "Dirty Gertie from Bizerte"?

IMPEACHMENT: THE SILLY SEASON

The President of the United States has outmaneuvered his carping coven of critics so adroitly that their nerves are beginning to give way. That is the only way in which the yells for 'impeachment' can be interpreted. The outcry over the President's tapes shows that he has made fools of the lot of them - if, of course, the President can here improve on nature. The tapes will be released - they won't be released - some of them will be released - they exist - they don't exist - they exist, but the 'right' ones weren't subpoenaed - they were damaged accidentally - they were damaged deliberately - they weren't damaged. This dazzling display of political adroitness has left the President's opposition gaping like a yokel who doesn't know which shell the pea is under.

What men like Erwin, Sirica, Cox, Richardson, Kennedy, and McGovern seem to forget is that Richard M. Nixon is President of the United States and Commander-in-Chief of its armed forces. He is charged with the sole responsibility for determining national security policy - and this includes foreign policy, military policy, and internal security. His and his alone is the right to determine where a threat in this field exists, and what to do about it. "Is the President above the law?" some of his critics ask. Well, let's see. Before there can be law, before there can be any security for life, liberty, and property, there must be a nation capable of establishing that security. "Law" can no more exist apart from a nation than "Sex", another popular topic these days, can exist apart from an individual. The laws of a destroyed nation are about as 'relevant' as the sex life of a dead person. So let us answer this rhetorical question in a way that fully disarms the person who asks it. Yes, in his responsibilities to ensure the security of the United States of America, the President is above the law.

Besides, President Nixon is doing nothing new and unprecedented. President Roosevelt, whom most of Nixon's critics regard as an ascended saint, threw hundreds of thousands of people into prison without trial when the national security was at stake. Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson have all ordered secret surveillance of subversive organizations. And in their exercise of the national security they alone decided what is subversive and who should under their authority carry out the surveillance.

Most of Congress realizes this - which is why Vice President Ford was confirmed by a 10 to 1 margin in a Democratically controlled Congress. It is also the reason why 'impeachment' will continue to be merely the yell of a negligible handful of malcontents, who were crying for impeachment even before the surveillance at the Watergate was made public. (See a two-page ad in the New York Times of 30 April 1972.)

So does most of the press - which has supported President Nixon by an increasing majority in each of his three presidential campaigns, rising to an unprecedented 95% in 1972. But in Congress and the press, a discredited minority continues its suicidal course. And some of the President's own appointees have openly insulted him. Leon Jaworski, who succeeded the mutinous Cox, has said that he will ignore national security considerations in prosecuting the President's special investigators. (New York Post, 21 Nov. 1973) Clarence M. Kelley, the new FBI director, has said that he would ignore presidential orders if he doesn't agree with them. (New York Daily News, 25 Nov. 1973) I don't think these men will be drawing government paychecks for much longer.

In his first inaugural address President Lincoln said that no government ever had in its organic law a provision for its own termination. In support of this conviction President Lincoln turned more than 2 million soldiers loose on his opposition. President Nixon's resources are infinitely superior. His critics had better take note of the fact!

1973BP - PRESS RELEASES

VIENNA (April 10, 1906): Our camera focuses now on a villa on the outskirts of die Stadt Wien, where Austrian Emprear Nilbert, the last of the Hapsboorgs, makes preparations to leave his country in exile. It is a sad day for Nilb as he is about to leave a city that he has known and loved since he was a child.

He plans to go to Paris to set up another of the countless governments-in-exile which are already there. The heads of state of Rumania, Serbia, Greece, Bulgaria, Sweden, and Norway are already in function in Paris, the historical capital of La Belle France. But Austria-Hungary is the first of the major powers to fall to the scythe of Satan (the Russo-Turkish armies).

France is the bulwark of the Allied Powers which are attempting to fight off the "Russkis". At this point the governments of England, Austria-Hungary and Italy have already sworn undying allegiance to the French King Strauss. The Ottoman Sultan, in exile since 1899, died last summer, unsucceeded.

It is only these allied powers in Europe who have the power and courage to fight off the "Devil's Scum" which swept out of the Urals in 1894. The Russian Empire fell that year and five years later the Ottomans were exiled from Turkey, with Jeremiah being a figurehead under the control of the bastardly Medov. Medov, now on mission to Germany may have already seduced the German Kaiser (who now controls only the area north of the Elbe and Denmark) and brought him into his "Black League".

By the time you read this the Hapsboorgs will control little more than the ninth floor of the Tete de Courge building in southwest Paris. By already, the United States of America, the Arsenal of Democracy, is planning to bring the weight of its massive industrial power to play in the European war. President Hilb Geiger, in close association with cousin Emprear Nilb are carefully planning the course of the Union army under the firm guiding hand of Generals Ulysses S. Lee and Robert E. Grant.

A LOOK ON THE LIGHT SIDE: Now, the lighter side of the war. Western Europe seems to be getting more and more French. English King Robert (Roe-Bear), Italian Duke Raymond (Pa-Noan), and Austro-Hungarian Emprear-in-Exile Nilbert (Wil-Bear) have all adopted the French [sic] pronunciation of their names.

Duke Raymond invited the scum of Europe, Sultan (sic) Jeremiah of Turkey and General Michel Medov, to a party he was holding in Rome.

ROME: The Pope appeals for peace to celebrate the arrival of his American cousin, Babe Heuer, baseball star. It is reported that Duke Raymond is planning to have several Rayrillas present at the occasion to insure that certain events take place.

APRIL 15th: Sultan Jeremiah and Michael Medov arrive in Rome.

APRIL 25th: The party begins. Babe Heuer breaks chain [sic] with baseball bat.

APRIL 26th: The Sultan and the general, attempting to leave the party, are accosted by five Rayrillas with hatchets and brought to the Ducal dungeon.

APRIL 28th: General Medov bribes guard and he and Sultan escape on the first ship leaving Rome.

APRIL 29th: The ISS Nero leaves Rome, bound for Marseilles.

MAY 5th: All traces of Sultan Jeremiah and Michael Medov are lost; it is thought that the sought refuge with the Russian Floating Brothel, just off the isle of Lesbos in the Aegean Sea.

MAY 6th: The ISS Nero docks at Marseilles. French troops storm on board and give it a thorough search. The Sultan and the general are found hiding in a torpedo.

MAY 8th: General Medov and Sultan Jeremiah are loaded onto the 6:15

(AM) train out of Marseilles to Paris.

MAY 10th: Kenny, King of all France, has issued a decree (they still have those) saying that he "will not allow the scum of the earth (the Sultan and the general) to exist in" his "fair country".

MAY 11th: The Sultan and the general are shipped out on the first train leaving Paris, bound for the Ruhr river valley.

MAY 13th: General Michael Fedov and Sultan Jeremiah arrive in the German capital, Cuxhaven.

MAY 14th: Kaiser Howard issued a question: "What am I going to do with these guys?????"

ROME (This is not a Heuer release): Pope Heuer today issued a Papal Bull, excommunicating the Russian and Turkish governments.

VENICE: The Papal Bull reached Venice today, and overran half the city. It is reported bound for Moscow.

PRESSBURG: The Papal Bull reached Pressburg today, destroying all the printing presses. The city is now known as ____ burg.

VITEBSK: The Papal Bull, still enroute to Moscow destroyed Vitebsk.

MOSCOW: 'STOP THAT DAMN (no pun intended) BULL!!'

MOSCOW (UPRR): Interviewed at her luxurious establishment, the House of All the Russias, Madame Pulyerpantzoff denied that the Russian Floating Brothel was part of her well-known commercial venture. She claimed ignorance of rumors that some of the girls on the ship had formerly been seen at the House of All the Russias. When pressed by reporters, she indignantly replied, "Am I my brothel's keeper?"

In a related development, Madame Pulyerpantzoff expressed great pleasure to learn that a Papal Bull was on its way to Moscow. "I'll try to get it for the House," she said. "It'll make a great show. We can cordon off the front parlor, and set up turnstiles, and get Tanya and Sonya into the act - it'll be the biggest event here since Peter the Great and that African fellow had their competition..."

PLEASE STAND BY

A few issues ago I asked interested readers to volunteer as non-paying stand-bys. The response was most gratifying, and GRAUSTARK now has all the stand-bys it will apparently need for current Diplomacy games. The first two players in the following list are the only paying stand-bys thus far not called up; they will have first priority, and the option to refuse unplayable positions. (See 1973BS in GRAUSTARK #301.)

1. Edward Kollmer, 91 East St., New Hyde Park, N. Y. 11040
2. Lt. Joseph O. Pickard, TUSLOG Det. 67, FPO New York, N. Y. 09380
3. Ronald M. Kelly, #210, 225 Virginia Ave. SE, Washington, D. C. 20003
4. William Drakert, 159 Chelsea Rd., White Plains, N. Y. 10603
5. Douglas Feif, 67 Crosvener Rd., Kenmore, N. Y. 14223
6. Donald Berman, 22 Nabaline Rd., Old Bridge, N. J. 08857
7. David Darden, 2300 Cochrane Ave., Panama City, Fla. 32401
8. Earle T. MacHardy, 70 Scenic Dr., Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y. 10706
9. Adam Gilinsky, River Road, Scarborough, N. Y. 10510

Other stand-bys will be called on under the stand-by rules printed in #286, with the following provisions:

1. No player will be called as a stand-by in a game in which he has ever played.
2. The stand-by's subscription must be current at the time he is called on for moves, and he must keep his subscription current.
3. If a stand-by is needed for 1973BS, I will try to get one as close to New York City as possible.

If the top stand-by is ineligible for a particular game under one or more of these provisions, the next available stand-by on the list will be called.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH (continued from p. 7)

stands for "Stupid Press Issued") is not to print. Heuer sent me half a page of Saber-toothed Neiger, Queen Evan of Savoy, PBL, etc. press releases, and I sent a letter asking him to write when he can write some decent press.

[I've been doing this sort of thing myself with some outpourings from some of the SPI playtesters. If the volume of press releases keeps as high as it is, I am going to send back more, and print the rest on a sort of priority basis. Considered among the priorities will be relevancy, literacy, and perishability. However, I can't be too harsh on the Saber-tooth Neigers, because they first appeared in 1973BB in a release from the United Rabble-Pousing Press, Brooklyn.]

GEOFFREY ASHE (12 November 1973): Thanks for GRAUSTARK and the review of The Quest for Arthur's Britain. I notice you mention the Paladin paperback of this, with a dollar price quoted. Was it bought in the US? One or two American college lecturers, who wanted their students to use the book, have told me they could only find the expensive Praeger edition.

[No, I bought the British edition in Canada.]

I was interested to read the games articles [in #296]. Diplomacy has quite a public in England. There is a magazine here called Games and Puzzles which you probably know, covering some of the same ground.

[Quite. I'm a US agent for it. It's \$9.00 a year by surface mail, and \$16.50 by air mail. (#dvt.)]

Also interesting: the 'alternative history' theme. I own a rather rare book called If It Had Happened Otherwise which pioneered this field in 1932. It is written by a team of distinguished authors including Winston Churchill, G. K. Chesterton and Eril Ludwig, each following up a speculation of his own (if the Moors had won in Spain, if Booth had missed Lincoln, etc.). Have you come across it?

[Yes; I discovered it some 25 years ago, and it got me interested in the whole field. The editor was J. C. Squires, and the title of the American edition was If, or, History Rewritten. But it was not the first. Around 1907 a writer named Chamberlain published a series of such speculative essays. In the late 19th century an American author named, I believe, Hale, wrote a story on what would have happened if Joseph had not been sold into Egypt.]

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